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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: [] Contact with Stanley Karnow

1. [] telephoned on 3 July to report the results of a luncheon with Stanley Karnow the same day.
2. Karnow had attended the confirmation hearing on Mr. Colby the day before. He considered "pitiful" the fact that there was only one Senator present and that no really searching questions were asked. Karnow felt that Mr. Colby answered the questions with a caution one would expect of a lawyer, and that his replies were very well phrased.
3. Karnow told [] that after the hearing Mr. Colby told Karnow that he would meet with him after Mr. Colby had been confirmed. (See my memorandum of conversation with [] dated 14 June 1973, concerning Karnow's desire to meet with Mr. Colby about doing a TV report for NBC on CIA.)
4. The theme of Karnow's TV report on the Agency will be, where does CIA go from here? He will develop the idea that the era of classical espionage operations was superseded by advanced technological intelligence gathering systems, but what comes next? Should the Agency now become a think tank and producer of estimates, primarily? Karnow will also explore the question of where the Agency's new blood will come from. Karnow will take the position that young men who sought careers with the Agency several years ago looked on intelligence as an honorable profession, but that many young people today consider the field somewhat "disgraced."
5. [] wished to pass along to Mr. Colby the thrust of Karnow's forthcoming TV show so that Mr. Colby would be forewarned when Karnow comes for his appointment.

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